

FEDERALS WIPE OUT

MEXICAN REBELS ANNIHILATE
THREE DETACHMENTS OF
GOVERNMENT TROOPS.

TOWN IS SACKED AND RAZED

Cerro Gordo Is Pillaged and Rebuilt
Railroad Bridges Between Pueblo
and Oaxaca Are Burned—Machin-
ists' Strike Is Still On.

Mexico City, Jan. 11.—After destroy-
ing the little garrison of federals and
razing the town of Ayotzingo, twenty-
five miles from Mexico City, a body
of rebels withstood the attacks of
two detachments of federal rein-
forcements and practically annihi-
lated the government forces. This
information was brought here by pas-
sengers arriving from that district,
and, although at first practically de-
nied officially, it was later officially
confirmed. Three other groups of re-
inforcements sent to the scene of the
fighting has not reported.

The sacking of the town was admit-
ted early by the government officials,
who attempted to minimize the inci-
dent by asserting that the rebels num-
bered only 180. Those who brought the
story to the capital estimate that the
rebels were between 500 and 1,000
strong.

Three Detachments Whipped.
The attack on Ayotzingo began in
the morning. Of the garrison of
eighteen only two escaped, one of
them wounded. A force of twenty
federals dispatched from Tenango to
reinforce the garrison was wiped out
after a stiff fight. One hundred fed-
erals hurriedly dispatched from Xico
met the same fate.

Bridges on the Mexican Southern
railway between Pueblo and Oaxaca
have been burned just after being re-
built.

The strike of the machinists con-
tinues, there being a deadlock be-
tween the strikers' committee and the
railway management. Through pas-
senger trains are running irregularly
and freight trains scarcely at all.

WIRELESS MEN GO TO PRISON

Three, Guilty of \$1,000,000 Fraud, Are
Sentenced in New York—Promoter
Given Five Years.

New York, Jan. 11.—The three men
found guilty of a million dollar wire-
less telephone and telegraph stock
swindle were sentenced to the Federal
penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. Cameron
Spear, the promoter, must serve five
years and pay a \$200 fine; A. Fred-
erick Collins, the inventor, must serve
three years and pay a fine of \$2,000,
and Charles L. Vaughan must serve
two years.

The defendants were convicted of
using the mails to defraud in selling
stock of the Collins Wireless Tele-
phone company and the Continental
Wireless Telephone and Telegraph
company.

DEMOCRATS PICK MRS. AYRES

Wife of New York Congressman Is
Chosen President of Woman's
National League.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The first an-
nual convention of the Woman's Na-
tional Democratic league at the New
Willard developed into the liveliest
kind of a meeting.

Mrs. Steven B. Ayres, wife of Repre-
sentative Ayres of New York, was
elected president by a vote of 38 to 28
over Mrs. John Sherwin Crosby.

The appearance of Mrs. Matthew T.
Scott, president of the Daughters of
the American Revolution, turned the
tide and saved the day for Mrs. Ayres.

AMUNDSEN IN NEW YORK CITY

Friends Welcome Explorer Who Dis-
covered the South Pole Last
Year.

New York, Jan. 11.—Ronald Amund-
sen, discoverer of the south pole,
came to New York for an extended
visit to this country. He arrived on
the liner St. Paul.

At quarantine Amundsen was wel-
comed by a committee of Scandina-
vian-Americans. Next Wednesday a
reception in his honor will be held
at the College of the City of New
York.

FOOD PRICE KEEPS SOARING

Potatoes and Sugar Alone Cheaper in
Last Year, Inquiry by Labor
Department Shows.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Soaring prices
of foodstuffs are pictured in a new set
of figures compiled by the United
States department of labor from its
investigation of the cost of living in
thirty-nine American cities.

Between August, 1911, and August,
1912, only two things decreased in
price—potatoes and sugar. Mean-
while everything else advanced.

FIRST LADIES OF LAND DINE

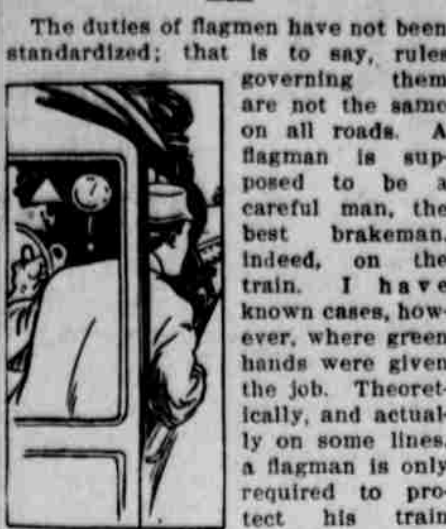
Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs.
Harrison at White House—First
Time Event Has Occurred.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Three
"first ladies of the land" dined at the
White House today when Mrs. Taft en-
tained Mrs. Grover Cleveland and
Mrs. Benjamin Harrison. White House
attaches say no record shows the
wives of three presidents dining to-
gether there before.

MUST BE CAREFUL MAN

FLAGMAN'S DUTIES IMPORTANT
PART OF TRAIN SERVICE.

Supposed to Protect His Train Against
Rear-End Collisions—Is Often
to Blame for Serious
Wrecks.



The duties of flagmen have not been
standardized; that is to say, rules
governing them
are not the same
on all roads. A
flagman is sup-
posed to be a
careful man, the
best brakeman.
Indeed, on the
train. I have
known cases, how-
ever, where green
hands were given
the job. Theoret-
ically, and actual-
ly on some lines,
a flagman is only
required to pro-
tect his train
against rear-end
collisions. On the other roads flag-
men are also brakemen. When a train
stops, if the stop is not of the sched-
ule of that particular train, the flag-
man is required to go back a suffi-
cient distance and, with a lantern by
night and a flag by day, together with
torpedoes or fuses, signal any other
train that is going the same way, and
on the same way.

"The words 'a sufficient distance,'
permit the flagman to use his own
judgment, and the phrase is found
in the rules of a great many rail-
roads, big ones as well as little ones.
There are roads, however, which di-
rect that a flagman shall go back to
the fifteenth or twenty-fourth tele-
graph pole from the last car of his
train. Whether he goes 'a sufficient
distance,' in his opinion, or for a spec-
ified distance, measured by poles, he is
to stop any train that jeopardizes his
own. When his train is ready to
move, the engineer signals him in
with a whistle and then he sprints
over the ties as fast as he can, leav-
ing, it is supposed, one or two torpe-
does on the rails behind.

"The flagman, the engineer and the
conductor are in a hurry. Time is so
precious with them that every fraction
of a minute counts. The farther the
flagman walks away from his train,
the farther he will have to run when
he returns. He is a human being
like the rest of us. Maybe the sun is
pretty hot. Perhaps it is a cold or
rainy night. And 'a sufficient dis-
tance' gives him latitude in a matter
of life and death! Many a flagman has
wrecked a train.

"The flagman of the Overland Ex-
press, on the Chicago, Burlington &
Quincy railroad was to blame, pri-
marily, for the accident at Western
Springs, Ill., on the 14th of last July.
The train was stopped by signal early
during the morning in a fog. It was
being followed by the fast mail. The
trains, so our investigation showed,
were about nine minutes apart. The
flagman, at the official hearing of the
case, said that he went back as far
as he could and that he ran part of
the way. He put down two torpedoes,
1,200 feet from the rear end of his
own train. On his way back the fast
mail passed him at fifty miles an
hour, and a moment later ran into the
Overland Express, which had not be-
gun to move, killing 11 passengers and
two employees and injuring 26 passen-
gers and two employees.

"The trains, remember, had been
about nine minutes apart. In a test,
after the accident, it was found that
a flagman, at a brisk walk, could have
gone back 2,227 feet in six minutes.
It was learned, also, that the flagman
of the Overland Express put two tor-
pedoes on the rail, which was simply
a cautionary signal, whereas he should
have used but one torpedo, which
would have been a signal for the fast
mail train to stop.

Unnatural Mothers.

It cannot be too strongly reiterated
that maternal love does not necessar-
ily include wisdom. It is "natural" for
every mother to love her children, but
it does not follow that she knows what
is best for them. The animal mother
does know by instinct; and we, con-
tent to take our pattern of mother-
hood from the beasts, have imagined
that we needed nothing more. . . .
We assume that every mother knows
how to care for her children; and, if
we only see her keeping at it incess-
antly, we never criticize the method
or results. . . . We have urgent
need of the unnatural mother—the
mother who has added a trained intel-
lect to a warm heart; and, when we
have enough of them, the rarest sound
on earth will be that now so pitifully
common—the crying of a little child—
Gillman.

Unhealed War Wound.

Veterans and near-veterans were
fighting all the old battles over again
on the street car, says the Kansas
City Journal. Thrilling escapes and
blood-curdling adventures had been
related by the dozen when the turn
came to a little old man with a long
beard.

Striking his adornment carefully,
the old man said:
"Well, boys, the war cost me just
\$900 in cold cash. I didn't want to
go, so I paid a substitute the money
to serve for me. Do you know that
fellow went all through the war with-
out getting a scratch? I could have
done the same thing and saved my
money. I tell you, war is a calamity."

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cent of their total purchases up to the amount of their round trip railroad fare.
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prices and your railroad fare will cost you nothing.

WORKINGS OF THE CAMORRA

How an Englishman Was Politely
Mulcted of \$300 by Italian
Society.

A paean of rejoicings has gone up
in print over the verdict on the Ca-
morra prisoners at Viterbo, and it is
stated—rather previously, I fear—that
the great secret society of Italy has
been scotched. That Naples will no
longer be its headquarters is proba-
ble, but it is so widely spread over
the whole of Italy that it can be no
more killed by imprisoning its Nea-
opolitan leaders than you can kill an
octopus by cutting off one of its ten-
tacles. The society has local branches
in every town of importance, and it
adapts its methods to the status of
the people whom it bleeds.

How polite the Camorrista can be a
true tale of how an Englishman sub-
scribed to its funds will show. The
Englishman in question, a married
man, took a house in one of the sea-
port towns of Italy, not Naples, and
brought his English furniture with
him. A month or two after he had
taken up residence, a very polite Ital-
ian gentleman called on him and pre-
sented him with a bill for \$300 for
furniture bought from an Italian firm.
The Englishman said that there must
be some mistake, for he had bought
no furniture in Italy, and his visitor
then explained that the bill was the
means by which he might subscribe to
the local branch of the Camorra, and
thus obtain its protection. There was
no hurry about the matter, said the
polite Italian, and if the Englishman
did not care to pay at once the matter
might stand over for six months.

The Englishman went to his consul,
who referred him to the local head of
the police. The local head of the po-
lice, talking as an official, promised
him every protection if he did not in-
tend to give the money, but as a pri-
vate individual, suggested to him that
\$300 was not very much to pay to
avoid all the anxiety that was entailed
by being in the black books of the Ca-
morra. The Englishman paid his \$300
and holds the bill, duly receipted, for
purely imaginary furniture, bought
from a purely imaginary Italian firm.

USE DYNAMITE IN NEW WAY

Takes Place of Saw in Solving Bridge
Construction Problem in
the West.

Railroading in the west continually
presents new problems to the con-
struction engineer, but the use of dy-
namite in place of a saw was tried for
the first time on a Santa Fe bridge
over the San Joaquin river, near Free-

so, Cal.

Concrete abutments and piers had
been built under an old wooden trestle-
type bridge and the principal girders
of the new steel structure prepared
and riveted together at a distance
ready to be lowered into place from
derrick trains. All the earlier stages
of the new bridge had been construct-
ed with the wooden bridge as a false
work and without interruption to traf-
fic. But the floor of the wooden bridge
was 15 feet higher than the new steel
structure was intended to be. To
shorten the supports by sawing would
take several days and tie up traffic.

The engineers got around the diffi-
culty by running the derricks out to
the proper points and then placing a
small charge of dynamite in each of
the wooden supports of the old bridge
just 15 feet below the roadbed. The
dynamite shots were discharged simul-
taneously, the old bridge fell, and the
entire steel structure dropped into
place at once. It took but three hours
then to lay the ties and rails.—Popu-
lar Mechanics.

HELPING THE FARM INDUSTRY

Is Business Proposition With the Rail-
roads and Much Money Is Spent
in That Way.

For a generation or more the rail-
roads of this country have been mak-
ing efforts to increase the number of
farmers in certain regions, thus try-
ing to promote agriculture, and
through greater agricultural prosper-
ity, to increase their revenues de-
rived from hauling farm products.
Within the past decade these efforts
to encourage agriculture have been
extended to include instructions in
methods of farming, investigation of
farming possibilities of a region, as-
sistance in organizing agricultural as-
sociations, co-operation with state and
county fairs, employment of farm la-
bor, aid in finding markets, and other
helpful lines of work. These projects
are not confined to railroad compa-
nies; they are, however, the most
prominent of the several classes of
business concerns engaged in similar
work.

This promotion work on the part
of the railroads is a business propo-
sition. Improvement in agriculture
means more traffic, and for this reason
large sums of money are being expen-
ded systematically by numerous com-
panies.—Exchange.

Some Improvement Since.

Dr. Helen L. Sumner collated some
figures for the department of labor,
which set forth that at Paterson, in
1835, women and children had to be at
work at 4:30 in the morning. They
were allowed half an hour for break-

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fast and three-quarters of an hour for
dinner, and then worked "as long as
they could see." They struck that
year, however, and their hours were
reduced to 11½. In Philadelphia, in
1833, the hours were said to be 13. At
about the same time the hours at the
Schuylkill factory were from "sunrise
to sunset, from the 21st of March to
the 20th of September, inclusively, and
from sunrise until eight o'clock p. m.
during the remainder of the year." On
Saturdays the mill was stopped one
hour before sunset "for the purpose of
cleaning the machinery."

Preserving Valuable Relics.

A very complete collection of Indian
stone inscriptions is being made for
the United States museum, and this is
being done in a novel manner without
destroying the original. A soft paper
has been prepared for the purpose and
this is moistened and placed over the
inscriptions and pressed into the in-
terstices. Here it is allowed to dry,
after which it is carefully removed
and the shell used as a mold from
which a cast is made. The latter shows
all the details of the carvings as well
as the markings on the surface of the
stone and after the casts have been
painted it is difficult to detect the im-
position.

Gossip Ahead.

"We ought to have a most interest-
ing year with our card club."
"That so?"
"Yes; three of last year's members
are suing for divorce."

FOR SALE

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sell her Boarding House Busi-
ness in Louisville. Rooms are
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